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SUBJECT: SARH ELECTRIC COMPANY FUEL RESERVES DESTRUCTION
BY FIRE FOLLOWS MINOR BLAZE IN N'DJAMENA FACILITY.

- 1. ELECTRIC POWER WAS CURTAILED IN N'DJAMENA FOR SEVERAL HOURS THE MORNING OF APRIL 27, WHICH THE PRESS ATTRIBUTED THE NEXT DAY TO A MINOR FIRE WHICH BROKE OUT DURING REPAIR ATTEMPTS. THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE WAS SAID TO BE UNKNOWN.
- 2. INFOTCHAD ON MAY 7 REPORTED THAT A FIRE TN MAY 5 HAD DESTROYED THE FUEL RESERVOIR OF THE ELECTRIC COMPANY IN SARH IN A SPECTACULAR BLAZE.X SOME 1900 LITERS OF FUEL AND 650 KILOGRAMS OF HYDROCHLORIDE WERE DESTROYED. INQUIRIES ARE BEING CONDUCTED TO DETERMINE THE EXACT CAUSE.
- 3. COMMENT: WHILE THE TWO FIRES MAY WELL HAVE BEEN NO MORE THAN A COICIDENCE, THERE IS LITTLE DOUBT BUT THAT THEY WILL ADD CONSIDERABLE FUEL TO RUMORS CURRENT IN N'DJAMENA WHICH HAVE PREDICTED SOME TYPE OF REBEL ACTIVITY AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT WITHIN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS, DWYER

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